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In re Application of:
Peter Oosterling

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For: APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF ANCHORING A FIRST CONDUIT TO A SECOND CONDUIT

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 9, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0480/WBP, the fee of $294.00 for three additional independent claims and two claims in excess of twenty, and any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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